

New York Fashions.

Clever dressers know that valuable hints for combining style with economy are often derived from expensive imported creations, so it is not to be wondered that stores that live exhibitions of representative importations on living models, are thronged by an appreciative audience of women studying the styles shown, not with any thought of purchasing French models, but for hints that will help to smarten their own, and their daughter's outfits.

Tunics and Odd Coats.

When tunics of contrasting fabric and coloring are fashionable, and contrasts in coat and dress rather smarter than matching effects, it is not difficult to bring last year's suit or dress in line with today's modes. Taffeta either plain colored, changeable, printed, plaided or in Neopolitan stripes is the favorite material for trimming effects, as well as for whole costumes. Some of the prettiest youthful suits have short coats edged with taffeta ruffles, and the same ruffles in wider width repeated on the skirt, either in the fashionable hip shingle, or arranged corker w fashion. The latter being most complimentary where it is



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desirable to reduce the width of the figure. The bias line is a decided favorite of present models and produces most graceful effects.

Children's Clothes follow, in a much modified form, the trend of styles designed for adult wearers. Blouses and box pleated coats, and belted effects are noticeably smart. Belts are unusually wide and are usually of the dress material when this is sufficiently firm to admit of this use. Renfrew Devonshire cloth keeps the lead that it gained last year, for the better grade of juvenile garments, though it is used quite as successfully for women's tub suits, skirts and outing frocks. Not only is it exceptionally handsome in texture and finish, but its clear, stanning colors, are both sun and tub-proof and have the lasting qualities obtainable only in yarn-dyed goods, while the patterns combine exceptionally well, with plain colors in matching tones after the season's best models.

Balmacaan Coats

of mixed and plaided tweeds have been worn since autumn, but this spring they are a veritable epidemic, that has caught on especially with the younger set. This coat has almost the lines of a long

cape with wide easy fitting sleeves set in from the shoulder raglan fashion. There is no trimming effect, other than the patch pockets, and plain bone buttons fasten the single breasted front. Occasionally one sees a variation in slit-pockets and half belts, but the plain models are decidedly smarter, and the coat worn by the college boy and his sister are practically identical in cut and material. Capes of military cut are very smart for similar wear by older women and these go more into elaborate color effects in their materials and linings, though a great many in powder blues are quite as plain as the Balmacaan coats, except that their collars are apt to be of tan, mustard, white or of fancy striped materials to match their facings or linings.

Hat Notes.

As the season progresses, it is evident that the lacquered finish seen on Belgian split straw is a winning favorite—"stove pipe polish" is the popular term for this glossy surfaced straw—and the waxed ribbons of similar finish have been taken up quite as enthusiastically. They are rather more effective used with regular milan or hemp hats, gaining by the contrast of dull and shiny surfaces. Cherries are especially pretty on trimming girlish hats, and they are disposed in the modish opposite clusters, in bead fashion about the crown, or hanging over the side. It all depends on the style of the hat and the wearer.

Contrasting with the small models that have high flaring brims turned up in various ways against their crowns, are a legion of flat plateau shapes mounted on bendeaux which fit the head closely.

The first class is the best choice for the average matron, while the plateau shapes suit girlish wearers especially well, but there is no hard and fast rule about this. For the woman who belongs between the two extremes there is a whole host of shapes that can be worn suitably by anyone. The sailors, as they are termed, belong in this class, and the most popular "sailor" is much more like a "Derby" than the flat crowned shapes heretofore classed as sailors.

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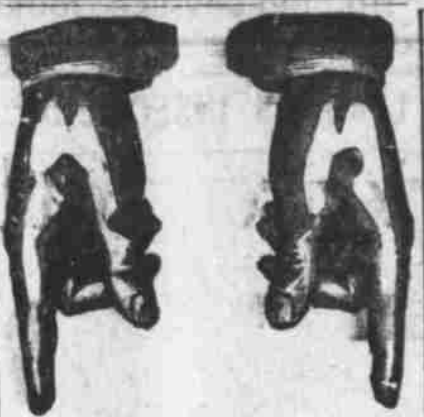
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